

# Students to get cheap arts tickets Area leaders review common projects

## Memorial Hall shows to go for \$10

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You might have seen the ads and fliers around campus this week that left students wondering what they could get for only \$10.

As it turns out, that's going to be the price for a student ticket to any of the 43 shows lined up for the Performing Arts Series next year in the revamped Memorial Hall.

In the 2004-05 year, there were eight shows that were featured in the series.

Emil Kang, executive director for the arts, who organized the series, said it's important for students to be able to afford the shows. "What's the point of having this huge series if students can't access the performances?"

At noon today in the Pit, there will be an official announcement about the \$10 deal for student tickets, as well as free pizza and ice cream. The full schedule for the Performing Arts Series will be released Monday.

Kang said the performances will range from jazz and world music to classical and ballet, with many different genres in between. The information was revealed Thursday night at the second student art forum, a meeting that campus arts

groups are hoping to make a regular event. Members from more than 10 student groups, including Lab! Theatre and Sangam, convened to learn about the reservation policies for Memorial Hall, which is scheduled to reopen in September.

Mike Johnson, assistant director of the Student Union, explained the policy that was sent out in a mass informational e-mail to students Wednesday. He described the scheduling in terms of a hierarchy, with University Day and Commencement events getting guaranteed space.

The dates for the Performing Arts Series fill out the second tier, followed by campus arts and cultural groups, and then all other campus groups wishing to use the space. Community and non-University requests are considered the fifth and last tier.

Campus arts groups will be able to request the venue for one week-end date per semester, and applications will be considered by the order in which they are received.

Johnson said there will be a \$100 use fee for each group, but the costs will vary from group to group, depending on the size, scope and needs of each different production.



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Arts Advocacy Chairwoman Molly Stapleton (right) speaks at an arts forum Thursday in Hill Hall, which addressed reservation policies and renovations.

Paul Kapp, campus historic preservation manager, also gave a presentation on renovation plans for Playmakers Theatre and Gerrard Hall. "They are very much a part of the historic core of the campus," Kapp said.

Playmakers Theatre will see the addition of handicap access, as well as reworking of the slope on which the seats now rest. The orchestra pit also will be expanded to seat 19 members, Kapp said. Gerrard Hall also will see the

addition of handicap access, as well as an exterior portico modeled after an Athenian temple.

Renovations for the two campus staples are a part of the plans for the Arts Common, an estimated \$177 million, 50-year project that will provide an arena for all areas of the arts. Both buildings are expected to go offline during the next year.

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Government leaders from three of Orange County's four jurisdictions updated each other Thursday on projects of common interest, though the running theme was that there was not much new to report.

In one of two annual Assembly of Governments meetings, leaders from Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro touched on their own projects, but without a hot button issue, little was debated. Hillsborough officials were not present.

In fact, it was the meetings themselves that drew the most ire. Mayor Kevin Foy reiterated the Chapel Hill Town Council's decision not to sell the building that now houses the Chapel Hill Museum, as was suggested by its budget review advisory committee.

"The sense of the council is that there's no interest in selling any of the three buildings: the post office, the museum and the (Inter-Faith Council) building," he said. "We want to keep the post office there, and I would rather keep the courthouse downtown, anyway."

County leaders, because sessions of district court are held in the post office, had expressed reservations with the sales.

Foy also updated the assembly on the Homestead Aquatics Center, which he said should break ground in about a year. A revised plan for the center might be proposed to the council May 9, he added.

County Recreation and Parks Director Lori Taft presented updated plans for the aquatic center to the assembly in a memorandum.

The staff has had to reduce the size of the building in order to fit the project's budget, she said. The size of the pools was not reduced, and the project planning committee recommended enlarging one of the pools to accommodate swim meets.

The Orange County Board of Commissioners' acquisition of the Triangle Sportsplex in Hillsborough has been a high-profile move, but

Assistant County Manager Rod Visser said there is nothing new to report.

"We're in the middle of negotiations," he said. "I don't know if anything is in the way per se. Ultimately, it's just how much they're willing to sell it for and how much the commissioners are willing to pay."

County staff also told the assembly that an architect for the county's satellite campus of Durham Technical Community College would be hired by the end of the month and that the fall 2007 completion goal was still accurate.

Although officials mentioned their various projects, what really opened up discussion was the future of assembly meetings.

"We need to talk about things that we all have a common interest in, such as making a request of our state legislature," said Carrboro Alderman Joal Hall Broun. "We would like to see some sort of result come out of the discussions."

Officials said getting together is necessary but improvements could be made to the meetings' formats. "I suggest at the next meeting we just have an informal conversation," said council member Bill Strom.

The lack of a pressing issue made some wonder if the discussion could be shortened.

"There have been some hot issues in the past," said commissioner Alice Gordon. "But most of the information sharing can be written down."

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## POLICE LOG

FROM STAFF REPORTS

■ A cashier at Weaver Street Market was arrested at 2:10 a.m. Thursday for attempting to smuggle a bottle of wine out of the Carrboro Harris Teeter, Carrboro police reports state.

According to reports, Russell Morgan Holloway, 21, of 102 Longview St. in Chapel Hill, was charged with larceny, assault on a government official and resist, delay and obstruct — all misdemeanors.

Holloway was leaving the store at 310 N. Greensboro St. with a visible bulge and swinging his left arm when an officer asked him to reveal what he was concealing,

reports state.

After claiming that he paid for the item, he pushed the officer, dropped the wine and attempted to run, reports state.

He was arrested and released on a written promise to appear June 27 in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

The wine, valued at \$8.99, was permanently damaged during the incident.

■ Two vehicles were set on fire in the parking lot of the Royal Park Apartments at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Carrboro police reports state.

According to reports, officers

responded to Building F at 501 N.C. 54 Bypass to find a white 1986 Toyota 4Runner on fire.

A 1988 Dodge van also was damaged during the incident, reports state.

■ Two apartments in the Estes Park apartment complex at 306 Estes Drive were broken into Wednesday using the same technique, Carrboro police reports state.

According to reports, both apartments were entered by pushing a plastic window pane out of the frame and unlocking the dead bolt from the inside.

The first incident was reported at 3:15 p.m., in which about \$2,400 worth of property was stolen.

The second incident was reported at 4 p.m., in which about \$400 worth of property was stolen.

The investigation continues.

■ The rear windows of five vehicles were vandalized in the Eubanks park-and-ride lot at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the windows of a 1997 Ford Aerostar, a 1995 Toyota Corolla, a 2000 GMC Jimmy, a 1998 Honda CRV and a 1991 Honda Accord all were smashed.

## CORRECTION

■ Due to an editing error, the April 28 article "Arts groups, leaders ready for forum" states that Molly Stapleton is the "newly elected" student government arts advocacy chairwoman. Stapleton was appointed.

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